SUBJECT No. 222.

Payments for the work done in the Muzrai department.

Messrs. H. Venkata Subbiah, Krishnarajpete taluk, and H. Krishna Sastri, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—Muzrai works are being got done under the contract system and no payment is made till after the completion of the work. Contractors do not therefore come forward to undertake the work. Consequently the works are delayed and the number of incomplete works has increased. It is therefore prayed that the Deputy Commissioners may be empowered to disburse the amount for portions of the works executed, while the works are in progress.

Reply of Government.—Being done. Individual cases of delay may be brought to notice.

SUBJECT No. 223.

Poor houses for beggars.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the ever increasing population of beggars who are a menace to public safety may be confined in poor houses and taught, as in Western countries, some means of earning their own livelihood.

This should be one of the subjects to be considered by the Economic Conference.

Mr. Krishna Sastri.—Beggars from foreign places are outnumbering local beggars.

Mr. Krishnamurti.—Every shop will, in all likelihood, contribute a sum of 4 annas for the purpose.

Reply of Government.—This is a useful suggestion and will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 224.

Rules pertaining to *Dharmadarsis*.

Messrs. Veena Rangasami Iyengar, Tolasi Krishnasetty and Subbaraya Mudaliar, Seringapatam taluk.

Summary of discussion.—*Dharmadarsis* are not entrusted with any responsibility under the existing rules and their work is not clearly defined. The rules do not empower them to call upon the temple officials to bring into force such arrangements as are deemed necessary. No one pays any attention to complaints of disobedience on the part of the temple officials to give effect to the arrangements ordered by *Dharmadarsis*. When there is a difference of opinion between the Amildar and *Dharmadarsis* on any question it will remain unsettled for years together. If it is really the object of the Government that *Dharmadarsis* should supervise the muzrai work, it is prayed that the Government may entrust *Dharmadarsis* with such powers as are given to them in the Madras Presidency.

Reply of Government.—Noted.